



75TH RANGER REGIMENT

COMMANDER'S STATEMENT

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REGIMENTAL COMMANDER'S STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF SPC. PATRICK D. TILLMAN APRIL 23, 2004

FORT BENNING, Ga. — On behalf of the entire Ranger Regiment, I would like to express our profound sympathy and sorrow to the family and friends of Spc. Patrick Tillman. Spc. Tillman was a great son, husband, friend, and Ranger. He will be missed by all who knew him. Like many of his fellow service members, he made great personal sacrifices to pursue the life of a soldier and a Ranger.

On April 22nd, he paid the ultimate sacrifice to our Nation while conducting combat operations in Afghanistan. Pat will be remembered as an intelligent, well-spoken, unassuming man who was an incredible Ranger in peacetime and combat. I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve with such an outstanding young man. Pat's fellow Rangers will remember his sacrifice as they continue to "Lead the Way" in our Nation's fight against terrorism.

I ask you to please respect the wishes of his family and allow the family time to mourn their loss.

Rangers lead the way!
Col. James C. Nixon
13th Colonel of the Ranger Regiment

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